



Supporting and Involving Families

Family involvement requires constant efforts in engage, support, and involve families in your program. Examine the strategies below and personalize them for your particular situation.

	Personalization
Go off-site! Visit them at places of worship, popular meeting places, and their homes.	
Carry out parenting workshops, special events, and efforts to improve the program. Involve families whenever possible.	
Create a space at your site for families to network, talk to staff members, and connect with community resources.	
Think of your program as a hub where families can share ideas and resources, seek out support, and problem solve with other families or staff.	
Remind families about the importance of family involvement by sharing research on how it improves youth's academic and life outcomes.	
Find innovative and engaging ways to get to know your program families.	
Offer involvement opportunities that fit the age of the youth you serve.	
Incorporate program youth into designing and providing different involvement opportunities.	
The Program "Family Handbook" clearly welcomes families and offers them ways to get involved.	
Involve families in projects and special events.	
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